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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2050–2074, S. Res. 364–368, and S. Con. Res. 33.

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Measures Passed:

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, expressing support for the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 367, designating March 3, 2014, as “Read Across America Day”.

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Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 368, designating February 28, 2014, as “Rare Disease Day”.

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Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Pages S1187–89, S1210–12, S1225–26**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

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Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1982, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits

to veterans, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 45), Senate failed to table the Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2767, to change the enactment date.

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By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 46), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and pursuant to Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act, the bill is committed to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747 to the bill, and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill were withdrawn.

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Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747, in the nature of a substitute, fell when the bill was committed to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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Reid Amendment No. 2766 (to Amendment No. 2747), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747 fell.

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Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2767, to change the enactment date, fell when the bill was committed to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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Reid Amendment No. 2768 (to (the instructions of the motion to commit) Amendment No. 2767),

of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2767 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 2769 (to Amendment No. 2768), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2768 (to the instructions of the motion to commit) Amendment No. 2767) fell.

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Adegbile Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 27, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with up to 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination; and that for the purposes of Rule XXII, Friday, February 28, 2014 count as an intervening day.

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Hernandez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Reeves Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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Brooks Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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Chhabria Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

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Gottemoeller Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 47), Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014.

Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2020.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2014.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2020.

Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2016.

Annette Taddeo-Goldstein, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2018.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—47) Pages S1209–10

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1253.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Donnelly (Chair), Heitkamp, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Walsh, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, Hoeven, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation: Senators Heitkamp (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, Casey, Johanns, Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Harkin, Klobuchar, Leahy, Heitkamp, Walsh, Boozman, McConnell, Chambliss, Thune, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy,

Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Bennet, Hoeven, McConnell, Chambliss, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Klobuchar, Donnelly, Casey, Walsh, Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Johanns, and Grassley.

Senators Stabenow and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral C. D. Haney, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Keith B. Alexander, Commander, United States Cyber Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,093 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

CURRENT AND FUTURE WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine responses to questions from the open session on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence, and David Shedd, Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MAGNUSON–STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine North Pacific perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Jim Balsiger, Alaska Regional Administrator, National